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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose, Applicant submits herewith Form PTO-1449 together with copies of the cited references.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the information provided herein may be material to the patentability of the subject application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The submission of references with this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed by the Examiner that a comprehensive search through the prior art was conducted; it is requested that the Examiner make such a comprehensive search.

The applicant requests that the references cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be

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37 CFR 1.97(c) is due.

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____ either a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance has issued. Petition is made for consideration of the accompanying references. A petition fee is due together with a Certification of Timely Filing Under 37 CFR 1.97(e).

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If submission of the accompanying references is deemed untimely to be made of record for this application, however, it is requested that they be placed in the file and that the applicant be so informed.

Respectfully submitted,

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